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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in a December 26, 2006 Japanese Official Action (copy enclosed, with English-language partial translation) of a counterpart foreign application (Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2005-172686) corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) Japanese Patent Application Hei 06-096701 (JP-A Hei 07-306371);
- (2) JP-A Sho 62-255915;
- (3) JP-A Hei 02-221910;

- (4) JP-A Hei 06-289287;
- (5) JP-A Hei 02-046418;
- (6) JP-A Hei 06-230308;
- (7) JP-A Hei 06-265807;
- (8) Japanese Patent Application Hei 07-0114971 (JP-A Hei 09-033850);
- (9) JP-A 2-39120;
- (10) JP-A 2-109012;
- (11) JP-A 3-33712; and
- (12) JP-A 5-346549.

Document (10) was cited in the September 17, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement and therefore is not listed on the instant Form PTO-1449. English-language Abstracts for each JP-A document were obtained from a commercial database and are also enclosed.

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**CONCLUSION**

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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